

File No.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

C. S. 6, Special Branch Station 6209

REPORT

Date May 12, 1938.

Subject (in full) H. C. A. KUHNE - departure from Shanghai.

Made by D. S. Hocking

Forwarded by Inspector

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Henri Charles Arthur KUHNE, Netherlander,
suspected of being concerned in espionage and illicit
traffic, see files D.6209 and D.7992, left Shanghai on
May 12, 1938 aboard the s.s. "Glenogle" bound for Hongkong.

H. C. A.
G. S. to D. C. (Sp. Br.)

D. S. (Special Branch).

D. S. Hocking

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D. S. (Sp. Br.)

P. A. to D. C. (Sp. Br.)

CONSULAAT-GENERAAL DER NEDERLANDEN
VOOR MIDDEN-CHINA.

No. 1708.

SHANGHAI, 14 May 1935.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of
13 December 1934, D.6209, I have the
honour to inform you that Mr. Kuehne is
living at 43 Kao Tung Road, Chen Ju,
Shanghai W.D.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,


Chinese Secretary.

T.P. Givens, Esquire,
Deputy Commissioner(Special Branch),
Shanghai Municipal Police,

SHANGHAI.

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CONSULAAT-GENERAAL DER NEDERLANDEN
VOOR MIDDEN-CHINA.
TEL. AD. HOLLANDIA.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

S. B. REGISTRY.

No. 3956.

SHANGHAI,

15 December 1934.

No. D 6209

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 13 December 1934, No. D. 6209 and to thank you for the information contained therein.

The idea of posing as a German on board ship no doubt suggested itself to Kühne on account of his German name. The incident shows at least that he was not over anxious to have his identity widely known.

I have written to Mr. Kühne's brother at Amsterdam and will not fail to inform you in case a reply is received.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

— Your obedient servant,

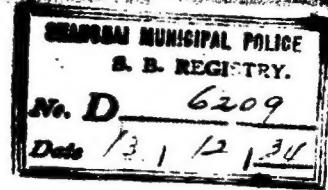
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Chinese Secretary.

T.P. Givens, Esquire,
Officer i/c Special Branch,
Shanghai Municipal Police,

SHANGHAI.

J. P. Givens



December 13

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Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter No. 3379 dated October 25, 1934, regarding Henri Charles Arthur Kuhne, and to forward herewith for your information a copy of a detective report on the same subject.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive ink, appearing to read "J. G." or "John George".

Deputy Commissioner (Sp. Br.)

H. Bos, Esq.,
Netherlands Consulate-General.

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File No. REGISTRY.

REPORT

No. D 6209
Section 2, Special

Date 12/12/34

Subject (in full) Whereabouts of H.C.A. KUHNE

Made by D.S.I. Prokofiev Forwarded by 85/100 A.L.

See also
D 7992

With reference to the attached communication dated October 25, 1934, from the Netherlands Consulate-General on the subject of Henry Charles Arthur KUHNE, who is reported missing since October 15, I have to report that enquiries have failed to elicit any information regarding the present whereabouts of this individual.

He arrived in Shanghai from Tsingtao on April 22, 1934, in the s.s. "Hotan Maru." On the passenger list his age is stated as 30 years, his nationality as "Deutsch" (German) and his occupation as "Kaufmann" (Merchant). Upon arrival here he put up at the Foreign Y.M.C.A., Bubbling Well Road, and gave the following particulars:-

- 1) Name: Henry C.A. Kuhne.
- 2) Age: 30
- 3) Nationality: Netherlands subject.
- 4) Firm: P. G. Kuhne Ltd., Amsterdam, Holland.
- 5) Present address: As above.
- 6) Reference: H. Anita Scholem, Sassoon House.
- 7) In case of emergency notify: P.G. Kuhne, Esq., 228 Overtoom, Amsterdam.

Kuhne resided at the Foreign Y.M.C.A. until April 30, when he absconded failing to pay \$39.05 for lodging, and it is not known where he resided since that time.

On October 18, Mr. B. Kazanjoglou residing at the Crystal Hotel, came to Hongkew Station and reported that Kuhne, his business associate, had been missing since October 15. According to Mr. Kazanjoglou, Kuhne left the offices of the Marathon Cigarette Co., 25 Seward Road, on the morning of October 15 with the intention of visiting P.J. Klink.

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(Manufacturers' Representative), 3 Ezra Road, and since that time he has not been seen at either office. A description of the missing man was duly circulated on the teleprinter and a corresponding note included in the Shanghai Municipal Police Daily Information Sheet No.1549, dated October 22, 1934 (copy of extract attached), but so far without result.

Mr. Kazanjoglou was interviewed by the undersigned, but was unable to furnish any useful information on the subject. From information obtained from the firm P. J. Klink referred to above, it would appear that Kuhne made a rather attractive business proposition to that firm and that he was given to understand that, prior to accepting the proposition in question, the firm would make enquiries regarding his standing as a businessman. In the light of information, which is now available regarding Kuhne's past, it is believed that having no illusions as to result of the enquiries, he decided to leave Shanghai.

Miss H.A. Scholem, of the United States Department of Agriculture, Room 113 Sassoon House, stated that she was only a casual acquaintance of Kuhne and was unable to furnish any information regarding his business and/or address in Shanghai and his present whereabouts. She believes that, while travelling to Nanking about one month ago, she saw Kuhne, shabbily dressed and unshaven, at one of the railway stations, but is not certain that her observation was correct.

Places, at which enquiries were made in connection with the above include the French Police Boarding-house Section, various hotels, shipping lines, travel agencies,

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hospitals and the Head Post Office.

A. Prokof'ev

D. S. I.

Span copy, attached.

AMR 12/2.

Deputy Commissioner (Special Branch)

Mr. Yeo,

Please send a copy of this report to the Netherlands Consulate in confidence as a reply.

J.P.G.

E X T R A C T

from S.M.P. Daily Information Sheet No 1549, dated October 22, 1934

Missing.

Missing since 15-10-34:- "Henry" KUHNE, Netherlands subject, age about 36 years, height about 5'8", fair curly hair, last seen dressed in a white suit. Believed to have resided in French Concession. Has recently been troubled with sickness, probably nervous disorder.
(Hongkew Misc. 516).

No. 3379.

SHANGHAI.

25 October 1934.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Netherlander Henri Charles Arthur KÜHNE, holder of passport No. 1102, issued at Soerabaja on 2 October 1933, and evidently born at Amsterdam on 19 June 1903, appears to have arrived in Shanghai about two or three months ago, but did not register himself with this Consulate-General.

From information received from Kobe this person appears to have been involved in Japan in financial transactions which caused his arrest by the Japanese Police, his release and discharge from criminal prosecution being effected only after some of his friends assisted him with money.

On 20 February 1934 he left Kobe for Tsingtao where he was supposed to receive hospitality from his friends.

It appears too that during his stay in Java (1927 or 1928 until October 1933) his behaviour has not been entirely above reproach.

He talks well and seems to make a good impression on persons he meets.

Whilst in Shanghai he entered into business relations with Mr. Basil Kanzan joglou of Greek nationality, General Manager of The Marathon Cigarette Factory, who formerly had his office at 9 Hankow Road, but who has removed since to 95 Seward Road. Kühne himself appears to have been living somewhere on Rte Vallon.

He stated that his father was also in the tobacco business
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and that therefore he had some experience in this line.

On the 10th of October of this year he did not turn up at the office and since then nothing has been heard from him. I may add that Mr. Kanzanjoglou informed me that so far no irregularities in his office have come to light.

In the meantime I should be much obliged to you if you could have inquiries made as to Mr. Kihne's present whereabouts.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature consisting of stylized initials "H" and "M" followed by the surname "Brum".

Acting Consul-General.

S2, For attention please.

D.S.I. ~~Directorate~~

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